एम.एम. जैकब) : (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1991 के दौरान महिलाओं पर किए गए अपराधों (श्रेणीवार) के उपलब्ध आंकड़ों को राज्यवार/संघ शासित क्षेत्र-वार सूची, अनुपत्र में दी गई है, [देखिए परिशिष्ट 162, अनुपत्र संख्या 63] ।

(ग) से (ङ) भारत के संविधान की सातवीं अनुसूची के अनुसार, "लोक व्यवस्था" और "पुलिस" विषय राज्य की सूची में शामिल हैं । महिलाओं के खिलाफ, होने वाले अपराधों सहित, अपराधों को दर्ज करना, उनका पता लगाना, जांच करना तथा उसकी रोकथाम करना, राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों के प्रशासनों की जिम्मेदारी है । कानून को अधिक कड़ा बनाने तथा महिलाओं पर होने वाले अपराधों से संबंधित अनुदेशों को कारगर ढंग से लागू करने को सुनिश्चित करने के अतिरिक्त, गृह मंत्रालय ने समय-समय पर सभी राज्य सरकारों संघ शासित क्षेत्रों के प्रशासकों को अनुदेश जारी किए हैं कि वे महिलाओं पर होने वाले अपराधों के सभी मामलों पर गंभीरता से ध्यान दें । ऐसे सभी मामलों को तुरन्त दर्ज करने, उनकी उचित स्तर पर जांच करवाने तथा न्यायालयों में शीघ्रता से मामले फाईल करने तथा उन पर तेजी से अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई करने के बारे में उन्हें विशिष्ट रूप से सलाह दी गई है ।

Financial Assistance to U.P. for combating terrorism

3128. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are giving financial assistance to the States for combating terrorism;

(b) whether any financial assistance has been provided to the U. P. Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) 'Public Order' being State subject, it is for the State Governments concerned to devise various methods and take concrete steps to improve law and order situation. The Central Government is providing all possible assistance to State Governments in this regard including financial assistance.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 10 crores has been sanctioned to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh as grants-in-aid for operations against militants in the Terai area of the State.

Attack on Journalists

3129. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the police killed Mr. Ghulam Rasool and Mr. Vijaya Prasad Rao, Journalists in cold blood and the story of an encounter was a fake one intended to cover it as has been reportedly confirmed by the Editors Guild of India;

(b) if so, what action Government are taking in the matter; and

(c) whether Government have alerted the State Government about the growing attacks on journalists in various part of the Country;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) As per report received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, one Ghulam Rasool @Jagan, reporter of Telugu Daily (Udayam) and another person, Vijaya Prasad Rao @Vijaya were killed in an exchange of fire with police at Masjeedgudem (Rangareddy District) on 28-12-91.

(b) A Commission of inquiry headed by Justice Shri T. L. N. Reddy was appointed by the State Government to enquire into the facts leading

to the opening of fire by police resulting in the death of Gulam Rasool and his associate on 28-12-91.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to maintain public order through the machinery of police agencies. However the Central Government have issued detailed guidelines from time to time for providing necessary protection and security to journalists so that they may discharge their professional duties effectively and in an independent manner. The State Governments have also been advised to ensure prompt registration and investigation of cases relating to attack on journalists and to take action against erring officials.

Orders for deletion of News-Item from Indian Express, Chandigarh

3130. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

(a) Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some officials of the Home Department of the Chandigarh Administration visited the office of a Chandigarh English Daily, 'The Indian Express' on the night of February 15 and 16 and after inspection of the various news-items, ordered deletion of one or two of them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) As per information received from the Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh, the Executive Magistrate, in pursuance of the orders issued by the Administratior under Section 95 Cr.P.C., had visited the office of Chandigarh English Dailies including the 'Indian Express' on the night of 15th/16th February, 1992. After noticing an objectionable news-item likely to be published by the said newspaper, the Editor of the said newspaper was requested to delete the said objectionable news-item to avoid forfeiture under Section 95 Cr. P.C.

Crimes in Delhi

3131. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crimes in the Capital have been spiralling alarmingly for the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, till date;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to check this alarming rise in crimes in the capital; and

(d) the number of criminals arrested/convicted during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) There has been an increase in the over-all crime during 1991 as compared to 1990 and 1989.

(b) The information is contained in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The steps taken by the Government to curb crime include increased patrosling, posting of pickets as strategic points; strengthening of intelligene; frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals; increased surveillence; coordination meeting with the officials of the neighbouring States; training of police officers in handling modern weapons; and modernisation of communication network.

(d) The information is contained in the enclosed Statement.